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### **CITATION AND NOTIFICATION OF PENALTY**

We believe that you violated the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.) (AWA), as described below.

#### **Date of Violation: April 24, 2014**

**9 C.F.R. § 2.40(b)(2)** Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care. Each dealer shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include the use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries, and the availability of emergency, weekend, and holiday care.

You failed to provide adequate veterinary care for one dwarf hamster with hair loss under its left front leg and along its chest. The exposed skin was reddened where there was hair loss.

#### **Date of Violation: August 7, 2014**

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You failed to provide adequate veterinary care for one dwarf hamster with two circular patches of hair loss located on the animal's left side and neck behind the ear. The exposed skin appeared to be dark red and sore-like.

#### **Date of Violation: August 7, 2014**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.30** Unless food supplements consumed by guinea pigs or hamsters supply them with their normal water requirements, potable water shall be provided daily except as might otherwise be required to provide adequate veterinary care. Open containers used for dispersing water to guinea pigs or hamsters shall be so placed in or attached to the primary enclosure as to minimize contamination from excreta. All watering receptacles shall be sanitized when dirty: Provided, however, that such receptacles shall be sanitized at least once every 2 weeks.



You failed to provide adequate water. The water bottle did not work properly in an enclosure housing one adult hamster and 7 of her young hamsters. The animals were aggressively attempting to obtain water from the bottle, which was full. When you put new water bottles in the enclosure, the hamsters aggressively drank the water from them for at least 7 minutes.

The penalty for the alleged violation(s) described above is \$1,250.